1	2	3	4	5	7
17. Uttar Pradesh	73741	3703	2725	7037	1380
18. West Bengal Including Sikkim & A&N Island	3486	961	601	579	155
19. Delhi M.T.N.L.	191	046	136	90	All Panchayat Villages Covered by March 1993.
TOTAL:	233060	46,420	21,752	30.072	12,347

The policy regarding Panchayat villages was adapted in the year 1991.

Statement-II

Details of Village Panchayats in Punjab provided with Telephones during April 1990 to December 1993.

Sl. No.	District	Nos. of Gram Panchayat provided with telephone connections
1.	Amritsar	738
2.	Bathinda	270
3.	Mansa	213
4.	Ferozepur	716
5.	Faridkot	252
6.	Hoshiarpur	565
7.	Ropar	122
8.	Jalandhar	719
9.	Kapurthala	130
10.	Ludhiana	575
11.	Gurdaspur	672
12.	Patiala	537
13.	Fatehgarh Sahib	154
14.	Sangrur	705
15.	Chandigarh (U.T.)	103
	TOTAL	6470

Expansion of Telecom Network in the Country

18. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telecom network in the country is expected to grow to over 20 million lines by the year 2000 and 60 million lines by the first decade of 21st century;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have provided telephone connections to those persons who had registered the same in the country including in Punjab, as on 31st December, 1993; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, Statewise and city-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The telecom. demand projections indicate that telecom. network will grow over 20 million lines by 2000 AD, and exceed 48 millions by 2005. Demand projections for the period beyond 2005 AD have not been worked out.

(c) No, Sir

(d) The objective of the current five year plan (1992-97) is to achieve by the end of the plan period

(i) provide telephones practically on demand in rural & tribal areas.

(i) waiting period for telephone connections not to exceed two years in large telephone systems.

The circlewise and citywise programme is chalked out on year to year basis based on these objectives subject to availability of resources.